

State of California — The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
**PRIMARY RECORD**

Primary # \_\_\_\_\_  
HRI # \_\_\_\_\_  
Trinomial \_\_\_\_\_  
NRHP Status Code \_\_\_\_\_

Other Listings \_\_\_\_\_  
Review Code \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Page 1 of 2 Resource name(s) or number (assigned by recorder) N-202

P1. Other Identifier: Technical Library

\*P2. Location: ☒ Not for Publication ☐ Unrestricted

\*a. County Santa Clara

\*b. USGS 7.5' Quad San Francisco North, Calif. Date: 1995

\*c. Address DeFrance Avenue

City Moffett Field

Zip 94035

\*e. Other Locational Data:

\*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries.)

Building N-202 is located on DeFrance Ave. and is connected to Building N-202A on the north side. Building N-202 is a two-story Industrial style building with moderne influences. N-202 has a concrete foundation, exposed concrete walls, and a flat roof. The building's massing is simple and ornamental detail is minimal. This building features simple, flat, horizontal concrete bands that run across each façade. The bands articulate the first and second floors and give a definite horizontality to the building. The building has three over three metal hopper windows that are sandwiched between the horizontal concrete bands. These windows appear in sets of four on the front (DeFrance Ave.) and rear façades. The windows on the remaining façades appear in sets of three. Each set of windows is separated by concrete piers with grooves that align with the window mullions. The building's main entry is emphasized with a simple concrete canopy with rounded corners. The entry doors are aluminum storefront and are not original to the building. The rear (west) side of the building has an addition. The addition is smooth-faced concrete and ribbed metal siding and is not of the same architectural style. Building N-202 has been retrofitted with an exterior steel stair with concrete treads on the south side. The building size is approximately 26,500 sq. ft.

This building appears to be in good condition.

\*P3b. Resource Attributes: (list attributes and codes) HP 15 – Educational Building

\*P4. Resources Present: ☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ District ☐ Element of District ☐ Other

P5a. Photo



P5b. Photo: (view and date)

View of front entry, east façade  
(8/04/05)

\*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources: 1950

\*P7. Owner and Address:  
United States of America as  
represented by National Aeronautics  
and Space Administration (NASA)

\*P8. Recorded by:  
Page & Turnbull, Inc.  
724 Pine Street  
San Francisco, CA 94108

\*P9. Date Recorded: 08/12/05

\*P10. Survey Type:  
Reconnaissance

\*P11. Report Citation: Lori Neff, *Department of Parks and Recreation – Historic Resources Inventory "Bldg. N202, Main Library,"* (1995).

\*Attachments: ☐ None ☐ Location Map ☐ Sketch Map ☐ Continuation Sheet ☒ Building, Structure, and Object Record  
☐ Archaeological Record ☐ District Record ☐ Linear Feature Record ☐ Milling Station Record ☐ Rock Art Record  
☐ Artifact Record ☐ Photograph Record ☐ Other (list)

**BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD**

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\*NRHP Status Code 5D3

\*Resource Name or # N-202

B1. Historic name: Administration Building Annex

B2. Common name: Technical Library

B3. Original Use: B4. Present use: Technical Library

\*B5. Architectural Style: Moderne with 20<sup>th</sup> century industrial influences

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)

1950 – Date of Construction; 1965 & 1970 – Additions; 1981 & 1986 – Exterior Alterations; 1965, 1970 & 1993 – Rooftop Equipment

\*B7. Moved? ☒ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Original Location: \_\_\_\_\_

\*B8. Related Features:

Significant architectural features include the concrete exterior, steel-sash windows, and entry canopy.

B9a. Architect: National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) Engineers

b. Builder:

\*B10. Significance: Theme Post-War Science and Space Exploration Area NASA Ames Research Center

Period of Significance 1940-1958

Property Type Library

Applicable Criteria 1 & 3

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity)

Originally used as the Administration Building Annex, Building N-202 was one of several research and support buildings built between 1940 and 1958. Founded in 1939, the Ames Research Center was the second aeronautic research facility built for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA). This research center was vital in the development of the field of aeronautical research and science. Along with new research facilities such as wind tunnels and testing facilities, several support buildings were constructed for the staff, including offices, machine shops, and laboratories. During this time period, these research and support buildings were rendered in an architectural vocabulary, which allowed for a variety of uses and a cohesive campus setting. These buildings were most often, one and two stories in height with concrete structural systems, concrete exteriors (with scored concrete detailing), and steel or wood-sash awning or hopper windows. They expressed Moderne architectural details with their scored exteriors, tripartite concrete panels (located between windows and doors), concrete entry canopies, and rectilinear configurations. Additionally, these buildings exhibited influences of 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Industrial architecture with their smooth, concrete exteriors and steel-sash awning and hopper windows. Today, the exterior of these buildings retain more historical significance than the interior, which have been largely altered over time. Building N-202 possesses integrity of location, setting, materials, feeling, and association. This building does not retain interior integrity, due to the alterations over its lifetime. An addition (Building N-202A) was constructed to the north of Building N-202 in 1966. It does not appear individually eligible for listing the National Register of Historic Places or the California Register of Historical Resources.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) (HP6) -- Office Building; (HP14) -- Library

\*B12. References:

- Lori Neff, *Department of Parks and Recreation – Historic Resources Inventory “Bldg. N202, Main Library,”* (1995).
- Edwin Hartman, *Adventures in Research: A History of Ames Research Center, 1940 – 1965* (NASA SP-4302, 1970).
- Elizabeth A. Muenger, *Searching the Horizon: A History of Ames Research Center, 1940 – 1976* (NASA SP-4304, 1985).
- Glenn Burgos, *Atmosphere of Freedom: Sixty Years at the NASA Ames Research Center* (NASA SP-4314, 2000).

B13. Remarks:

In 1995, Section 110 survey documentation of the NASA Ames Research Center was submitted to the California State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

\*B14. Evaluator: Rich Sucre, Page & Turnbull, Inc.  
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\*Date of Evaluation: 10/18/2005

(This space reserved for official comments.)

Sketch Map

